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Cohen Report Chief Topic On Parliament Hill

By THE CJN DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

OTTAWA — Parliament Hill is buzzing with varied opinions concerning the Cohen report and recommendations — how to amend the criminal code against the disseminators of hate in this country.

Believes recommendations of Cohen Report does not go far enough; not easy to obtain conviction: DAVID LEWIS, NDP, YORK SOUTH, TORONTO.

Diverse opinions indicate that the battle has just begun; it will take time for a compromise to be reached.

David Lewis of Toronto (NDP, York South) was not sure the actual recommendations go far enough. "Certain legal particular language of proposed amendments seems to me so cautious that it will not normally be easy to obtain conviction. Some changes in wording are desirable, in my opinion. I agree that the intention of the report is first rate."

Hon. Gordon E. Churchill (PC, Winnipeg, S. Center) told The Canadian Jewish News: "I think the Criminal Code will have to be amended to deal with the problem. Unless the Code is amended and enforced, there is no point in having had Professor Cohen's committee to do all their excellent work". He added he was absolutely in favor.

Mr. Mervin Mirsky, head of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir agreed with the recommendations made by Professor Cohen and his associates on the subject of legal curbs for hate propaganda. A strong believer in the most liberty possible and very hesitant that anyone's rights might be infringed upon, nevertheless he felt that the proposed amendments were necessary for the protection of those who might suffer otherwise.

In a special statement to The Canadian Jewish News, the leader of the Social Credit party, Robert Thompson, said: "While a law or amendment to the Criminal Code might possibly curb hate propaganda in Canada, a view apparently held by the Cohen Commission, I sincerely doubt that any legislation will accomplish the desire of those who request such action. However, in my opinion it would drive underground those who spread hate propaganda against Jews and at the same time dangerously infringe on the civil rights of others. Unless a legal formula can be devised which would punish such culprits without restricting the civil rights, I, as an MP, would be hesitant to vote for any legislation to restrict civil liberties as embodied in both our written and unwritten constitutions. With this in mind, I should suggest we wait the proposed legislation to be introduced in the House of Commons and at that time further comment can be made."

GREATEST LIVING YIDDISH ACTRESS. - Madame Ida Kaminska, 66, who has revived the Yiddish theater, as she appeared last Wednesday on a one-day visit to Toronto, en route to her home in Warsaw where she is director of the Jewish State Theater.

CANADA'S CONDUCT CORRECT

DEPT. OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TELLS CJN ITS BEHAVIOR IS IMPECCABLE

BY B. MORIN

OTTAWA — The Department of External Affairs told The Canadian Jewish News this week that Canada's behavior in the case of the three melon peddlers who were jailed by Egyptian authorities when they strayed across the Gaza border into No Man's Land was according to international agreement.

Referring to the story in this newspaper of April 22nd, the Department's authorized spokesman said:

"In the discharging of its functions, the United Nations Emergency Force operates under the direction of the United Nations Emergency Headquarters in New York; personnel receive their instructions from the U.N., not from their national governments. The rules under which the Force operates in patroling the frontier have been laid down by international agreement."

CANADIAN EMBASSY INVESTIGATED

The spokesman continued: "When the incident took place in August, the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv sought information about it from the United Nations Emergency Force's officials. In view of the United Nations' responsibility, the Embassy was not directed to make representation about this matter on behalf of the Canadian government. During the ensuing months, the Embassy did follow the course of the negotiations in which the UNEF assisted. This eventually led to the release of the Israelis in exchange for prisoners.. held by the Israeli government."

One of the articles of the international agreements to which Canada, as well as Israel and Egypt, is a signatory states that anyone found on the Egyptian side of the border-area patroled by the United Nations Forces must be handed over to the Egyptian authorities. This stipulation was set forth by the Security Council of the United Nations.

UNEF ESSENTIAL

When Israel's Foreign Minister, Abba Eban, was in Ottawa last February, he stated during a press conference that he considered the continued presence of the United Nations Emergency force on the borders between Israel and her Arab neighbors "absolutely essential". While he recognized the burden on Canada and other contributing nations, he sincerely hoped we would be able to continue to partake of this supranational duty.

• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

TRAVELOGUE:

TWO MEMORIALS

PARIS — In one week I covered **two** *Warsaw Ghetto memorials here: Wednesday evening at the Mutualite, the memorial for the heroes of the Uprising, organized by the Communists and their "non-partisan" fellow travelers who were joined, as elsewhere around the world, by some former Reds, "repentants", among whose speakers were a few dupes, leaders of the insensitive sort, ignorant of the political dangers involved so long as they are president or chairman of any well-attended rally; the next evening, also at the Mutualite, the memorial organized by the Labor Zionists and joined by* **all** *other Zionists including the Revisionists, with the support of "peoples' organizations", fraternal groups and Landsmanshaften.*

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Wednesday evening's meeting was sponsored by the Communist Yiddish daily, **Naie Presse;** *Thursday night's affair, by the Labor Zionist daily, Undser Vort.*

Here the Labor Zionists do not dare associate with Reds or former Reds. They say: we know them.

Most of the thousands of those who attended both rallies have been involved in serious Jewish politics; most are East European immigrants.

However, they don't compromise. The only person on the program of both memorial rallies was the cantor.

"Music," he explained, "is art, and at both meetings Jews cried when I recited the Prayer for the Dead. And when I make them cry, they like it."

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An old friend, a prominent emigre from Poland who had fought in the Underground, accompanied me back to the hotel through Boulevard St. Germain. This person is close to the Labor Zionist Movement and to the organizers of Thursday's rally. He noted that, on both evenings, the hall was not filled completely. To me it seemed as though there were more people at the Red-sponsored meeting. (Mutualite can accommodate more than twenty-five hundred.) I asked:

"Why didn't you invite the Communists to join you—at least the Pinkies? Wouldn't it have been more impressive? Now that even Louis Aragon dares criticize the trial of Russian writers, why not?"

He replied: "You don't know the Reds. First, this Communist criticism of the Siniavsky-Daniel trial is camouflage. This is the **new** *party line, to prove that the Communists are not foreign agents anymore.*

"Here we are too close to events to become dupes. In basic, essential problems we agree with the British and French Socialists—against any front populaire.

*"***They** *always are better organized; they are trained in scheming, underground planning .After a short time they would be able to run us.*

"Furthermore we feel we have a role to play both within the Jewish community and on behalf of Israel. How can you even assume for one moment that we would join them?"

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This is not only the opinion of the Labor Zionists; it also is the contention of all Jewish groups and leaders of the Organization of the Former Concentration Camp Inmates. Here they are called, Deportees.

As my friend elaborated: "We are interested in constructive work—every day of the year. We must labor for Jewish education, aid to Israel, a healthy Jewish community. And they? Every day they would find some threat to democracy, some issue that served their party."

He pulled out a French "anti-racist" paper, close to the Jewish Communists which officially is battling antisemitism and racism. In the editorial, President Johnson is compared to Hitler because of his stand in Vietnam.

My friend paused for a moment then continued:

"This is France. Here it is easy to get away with this kind of anti-American propaganda. But we know **who is who.** *We also know that a joint meeting, together with the Communists, might have drawn five thousand people. So what? Do we want those who "demonstrate" or do we want people who labor for a better future? We are Labor Zionists; we are the disciples of Katznelson, of Berl.*

"The Jewish freedom movement succeeded because of hard, persistent labor.

*"***They** *can bring the crowds, the 'masses'. So let those," he shrugged, "who want the mob have it; we want those who share our responsibility for Jewish survival."*

ARABS WARY ABOUT ESHKOL

CAIRO — A denial by Prime Minister Eshkol that Israel has a nuclear bomb did not rule out the possibility that she was in the process of making one, "Al Ahram" said yesterday.

It added that Egypt would face such a possibility by preventive war.

The newspaper was commenting on Mr. Eshkol's statement reported in "Bamahane" on Tuesday that neither Israel nor the Arab states had nuclear weapons. He offered to negotiate with Arab states to keep the region free of such arms.

"Al Ahram" said it was impossible to place confidence in declaration made by Israeli statesmen. It said no Israeli Government could resist military and political pressure to own a nuclear bomb.

MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGE: WISH FOR ALL TO LIVE IN PEACE

A DAY WITH IDA KAMINSKA

BY SYLVIA FREEMAN

One had a feeling almost of awe in the presence of Madame Ida Kaminska, 66, Grand Lady of the Jewish State Theater of Warsaw, during a one-day visit in Toronto last week. What should have been a day-long series of private interviews turned into a period of reminiscence for the multitude of fans from the Old Country, with a scant half-hour devoted to the Pr en masse.

It was amazing. Looking lost in a huge armchair, this little lady sat, always smiling, patting the hand of someone who remembered her before the Terrible Tragedy, consoling someone for whom she symbolized a happier day, chuckling with another over a private recollection.

Small knots clustered outside her suite, whispering, remembering — and happy in the hope that their beloved Ida may once more bring them the joy of Yiddish Theater.

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Ida Kaminska's daintiness is misleading. For her eyes reveal a determination of steel, the fire and courage to forge ahead despite overwhelming obstacles.

Her career spans back to the age of five when she began playing roles with her mother, Esther Rachel, in the Yiddish Theater her father, Abraham Isaac, founded in Warsaw late in the last century. Both parents had been leading figures in an active Jewish theatrical world.

With her immediate family, she escaped the fate of most Polish Jews. Having fled shortly after the German occupation of Warsaw to the Soviet-conquered region of Poland, they resumed their flight separately, being reunited in Frunze, Soviet Central Asia.

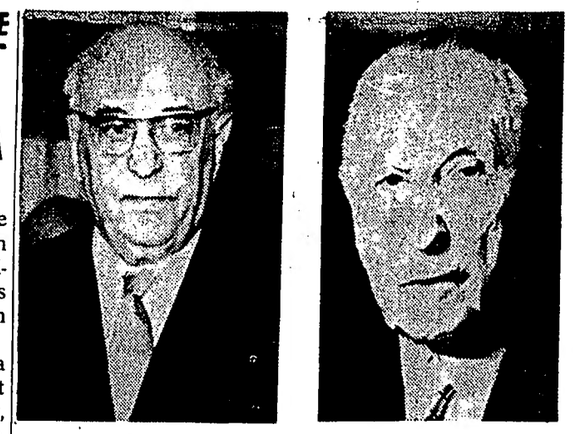
Back home in Warsaw again, she is artistic director, leading lady, frequent stage director of the Jewish State Theater.

No—she doesn't know why Russia hasn't asked her to perform in the Soviet Union "and you don't know either." Yes—she would love to work in the United States if something "good" were offered her. Yes—the Poles loves Yiddish theater; they understand through translation via earphones. Yes—the Jews in Poland (about 35,000 remaining from 250,000) have everything, if they need it. No—she is not aware of any relationship with Danny Kaye, nor does he. Yes—she plans to perform in Toronto coming October or November.

Madame Kaminska's Mother's Day message is a wish for all to live in peace.

After a similar day in Montreal followed by another in Prague where she was awarded a state prize, now she is home, resuming her role in a musical, Sarah Shaindel. Her next venture will be Arthur Miller's, An Incident in Vichy—in Yiddish. Her favorite role was that of the mother in Brecht's Mother Courage.

The name Ida Kaminska already is a legend. That The Shop on Main Street, her first film after the war, is seen by many over and over bears testimony to the fact that so long as there is an Ida Kaminska in every generation, the Yiddish language is not dead—perhaps slumbering.



TWO GREAT PERSONALITIES MEET. - Zalman Shazar (left), President of the State of Israel, and Konrad Adenauer, former Chancellor of West Germany, who are conferring in Israel. Herr Adenauer will receive an honorary doctorate from the Weizmann Institute.

TEL AVIV WILL HAVE A TWIN CITY

ORIA, (JCNS) — In the name, and under the remote auspices of Shabbatai Abraham Donnolo, a tenth-century Jewish scientist, Israel's largest city, Tel Aviv, and a townlet in Italy's deep South, Oria, near Brindisi soon are expected to be proclaimed "twin cities".

Oria was one of the many southern Italian localities where Jews established "colonies" after the destruction of Jerusalem. There one of the most important Jewish "Academies", which were among the first cultural connecting links between East and West, was established. There Donnolo was born in the year 913. C.E.

While still a child, the future scientist was taken away as a slave with hundreds of other fellow Jews when the Arabs conquered Oria. Later released, Donnolo wandered across Europe studying astronomy and medicine until he settled in Salerno, see of a famous medieval medical school, where he probably wrote his pharmaceutical treatise which scholars today consider to be the first scientific document written in Hebrew in the West.

Preliminary moves are reported already to have been taken in Tel Aviv and Oria in preparation for the proclamation of the "twinning". In Jaffa a street and a hospital have been named after Donnolo, and since last summer a square in Oria also has been named after Donnolo. The local tourist agency recently requested the town's municipal authorities to intensify contacts with Tel Aviv and improve their knowledge of things Jewish.

Dr. Abraham Ronen, cultural attache at the Israeli embassy in Rome, is following closely the Tel Aviv-Oria "rapprochement".

N. Y. COMPUTER SPECIALIST DENIED POST BECAUSE HE'S NOT A U.S. CITIZEN

NEW YORK — The City Corporation Counsel's office has ruled that Mayor Lindsay's appointment of Dr. Nachman Bench to a $20,000-a-year post as deputy city administrator would be illegal because he is an alien, the New York Times disclosed.

The "informal ruling" was announced by Mrs. Edith Kessler, attorney in the city personnel department. The ruling said that the appointment of the 31-year-old Israeli — scheduled to take effect May 1 — would have violated the State Public Officers Law.

The Deputy Mayor-City Administrator, Dr. Timothy W. Costello, who had recommended Dr. Bench for the post, said that the corporation counsel had "raised enough questions" about the appointment "that it might be simpler to make Dr. Bench's services available to the city in some other way."

Dr. Costello said Dr. Bench would begin working for the city on a consultant basis on May 1.

Dr. Bench, a computer specialist who came to the United States on a student visa in 1960 from Israel, will bring computer science to various city agencies.

"I am not pressing for his appointment as a deputy city administrator," Dr. Costello said. "He will work on a day-to-day basis until he receives his citizenship, which should be in a short time."

When the appointment was announced by the Mayor on April 17, Dr. Costello said confidentally there would be "no legal barriers" to the appointment."

Solomon Hoberman, acting city personnel chief, said the post of deputy city administraor, as listed in the city administrative code, would make Dr. Bench a "civil officer."

Dr. Bench could not be reached for comment.

The appointment had originally been approved as legal by Mrs. Kessler. But questions arose almost immediately after the appointment was announced whether it violated the Public Officers Law.

Mr. Hoberman then asked the corporation counsel's office to render its opinion. This opinion was given by the counsel's office last Friday. Mrs. Hoberman said he immediately wrote a letter to Mr. Costello.

A spokesman for Mayor Lindsay declined to comment on the corporation counsel's adverse ruling on the appointment.

Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York said last week that he would introduce legislation that would make Dr. Bench a citizen without the usual waiting period. Representatives of Dr. Costello's office will meet in Washington with the Senator on such legislation.

Dr. Costello, for whom the Israeli citizen would work, said last week that he hoped such legislation could be pushed through Congress during this session.

Norman Redlich, executive assistant corporation counsel, declined to comment on the opinion saying it was "confidential between this office and Mr. Hoberman." But Mrs. Kessler said the opinion had considered the fact that "a deputy is, in the judgment of the corporation counsel, a public officer and would, under certain circumstances, perform as Deputy Mayor - City Administrator."

Came Here 6 Years Ago

Dr. Bench came to the United States as Nachman Benchkovsky on a student visa six years ago. He renewed this visa each year until he married an American citizen last August and filed for resident visa. He changed his name last year.

the lively arts • THEATRE-MUSIC-FILM • by D. COHN

● Sholom Secunda, Yiddish musician, has been signed by Jacob Jacobs as musical director for the Anderson Yiddish Theater in New York City. The company opens in the fall with, The Bride is Farblondjet, a bilingual affair. Mr. Secunda will write the songs and music.

● Property of the late Sophie Tucker will be sold at public auction tomorrow. Articles include a piano used by Miss Tucker to rehearse in her Park Avenue apartment, her Seeburg record player constructed to play automatically 100 records, flipping the stack over after the 100th. The artist's selection of 100 records, including some of her songs and music ranging from The Barber of Seville to the Firehouse Five, will be auctioned.

● An international theater festival in memory of Broadway producer Billy Rose is being planned to begin in the fall of 1967. The project may be named after the late showman and housed at the Billy Rose Theater, financed by funds from the Billy Rose Foundation. Plans await probate of Mr. Rose's will. Estimate of the estate is about $30 million, most of which is expected to go to the foundation.

The festival, operating on a subscription basis, would run from October through June annually. Leading regional theaters from Canada, the United States and Europe would be invited to participate.

● The 1966 Stahl Prize of the West Berlin Jewish community has been awarded to the West Berlin radio station Rias, for its work to promote tolerance and understanding between people and political education in the state.

● Peter Weiss, whose Marat-Sade is being performed on Broadway, says audiences will be treated to a different tempo when his play, The Investigation, is shown in the fall. The German author says the drama is "cut away. It is all in the words and some movements."

His new play has been shown in Germany and in Sweden, there directed by Ingmar Bergman. It deals with the 1964-65 Auschwitz trial in a German court in Frankfurt. Weiss sat through part of the trial and went through the record of testimony by 300 witnesses, many of them survivors of the concentration camp.

Weiss says, "I have concentrated the material in nine witnesses. I wanted to show the situation as the survivors remembered it. This is how it lives on in our minds today.

"It's not possible for them to get over it," Weiss continues in his fluent English. "They have no names—in the camps or in the play—just numbers." Against them are the accused who still have their names and still hold greater power than the survivors. I used their names not to keep on trying them but as symbols for the average, ordinary Germans who helped the machinery run. The witnesses felt guilty. The accused didn't."

Weiss, 49, who writes in German, is a Czechoslovakian citizen born in Berlin. His family, which was Jewish, returned to Czechoslovakia when Hitler assumed power in Germany. When the Nazis occupied Czechoslovakia, Weiss went to England, finally to Sweden where he lives now. He remembers people who perished in Auschwitz.

Though German theaters and German television show interest in The Investigation, Weiss said, ordinary people don't want to think of the Nazi past.

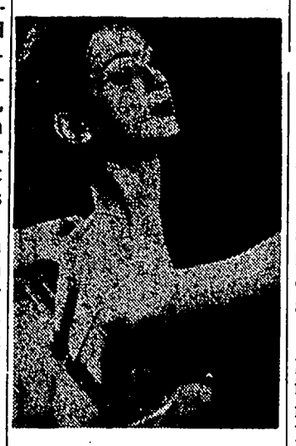
Weiss feels that the twenty years since Hitler are just about right to let writers "have the right views on it."

● The greatest amount of sound stage space ever used for a single motion picture at Warner Bros. has been assigned to Camelot, with the gigantic production scheduled to take more than ten of the largest stages at the height of the shooting schedule. Among the largest will be the Great Hall and Throne Room, occupying all of Stage 7 where the huge Covent Garden set was built for My Fair Lady. One set, the King's Tower and Study, will hold King Arthur's Roundtable, large enough to accommodate 150 knights in armor. Joshua Logan will direct, beginning in late August; Joel Freeman is assistant to the producer. Alfred Newman will handle the complete music composition and chorals.

● Tony Curtis makes a surprise "walk-on" appearance in Chamber of Horrors, starring Patrick O'Neal, Suzy Parker, Cesare Danova and Wilfrid Hyde-White.

Unlisted among the cast, Curtis did the bit out of friendship for his longtime pal, Hy Averback, who is producing and directing the film.

FEATURED IN THE BLUE BOX. - Roger Ostime (left), as the Crown Prince, awards George Peppard, the ruthless young air ace Bruno Stachel, the coveted Blue Max, highest award of the German Air Force, in 20th Century Fox's The Blue Max. James Mason and Ursula Andress also star in this World War I action drama which will be seen during June or July at Toronto's Fairlawn Theater.



CANADIAN JUNIOR BALLET. - Rhonda Ryman of the Canadian Junior Ballet which will perform on Friday, May 13th, and matinee, Saturday, May 14th, at Bickford Park High School Auditorium, 777 Bloor St. West, Toronto. The company is under the artistic direction of Mme. Diana Jablokova-Vorps.

HUMAN RELATIONS

Broken Engagement

DR. ROSE N. FRANZBLAU

QUESTION: Last year my daughter, 19, a college student, met a fine young man of 22, a college senior. They fell in love.

After a few months, they got engaged. His mother didn't like the idea, but he got her consent. A few months later, they were planning a wedding. When I called his mother and told her to come along with me to pick a place, she got excited and insulted me.

The boy came over that night and kept yelling at my daughter, "What did you do to my mother?" Later he apologized.

Whenever they wanted to make plans for the future, his mother got fits and became upset. He always blamed my daughter.

Life became unbearable for her and she broke her engagement. She is heartbroken and so is he.

This boy hasn't a mind of his own. Now his mother says it's better "that the Army get him" than my daughter.

What should I do? We wanted to help them get established. We have a wonderful relationship.

He is the only son. His mother is an older woman. She says that she is sick because she gave birth to him.

Could there still be life for them together?

ANSWER: That young people profess love for each other and protest that they want to marry is no proof of their readiness for it.

Girls who pressure for marriage prematurely often pick a young man who is equally unready or else wants to be pushed into doing what he is not able to do on his own. What his mother has done for him all his life, he now wants another female to do for him.

Getting his mother's consent for the engagement was a great step forward for this young man. In all probability she thought that by giving in part of the way, she would keep him from going all the way. Having given her consent for the engagement, she was in a strong position to refute any possible accusation that she couldn't relinquish her son.

You, too, may also be too involved in your daughter's life. It should have been left to the boy to advise his mother of the fact that he and his financee had set a date for the wedding. When his mother confronted him with the facts, which he had not yet revealed to her, he felt like a betrayed betrayer.

* * *

The fact that this boy carries tales about his mother to your daughter, while at the same time, making your daughter responsible for his mother's upsets, show how confused he is. By this time in his life, he should see the accusation that his mother has been sick because she gave birth to him, for what it is—another means of tying him to her.

There is always a chance that the shock of the broken engagement could bring this boy back to reality. He may then return and re-establish the relationship on a healthier and more manly basis. But the advances and overtures must come from him.

PEEVED AT "AGGRESSION"

King Hussein has stated that he did not know the motives for the "Israeli attacks" last week but termed them a "pure, unjustified act of aggression." He added that Israel has "expansionist aims which we are meeting with new methods."

Addressing students and faculty members of the University of Jordan on Wednesday night, Hussein further declared that attacks on a projected Islamic alliance were unjustified because they were directed against something that does not exist.

Jordan, he said, considered the Palestine question "a matter of life and death ... I am convinced that the aspirations of our enemy never will be limited to the occupied area."

Regarding last week's clash on the border, he said that "it was possible that the enemy wishes to push the Arab states into a major battle before they have completed their preparations. It is possible that sometimes there is some kind of hesitation (on the part of the Arab states) to enter this battle and this gives the enemy the opportunity he is looking for."

Hussein pointed out, concerning an Islamic alliance, that he did not see any reason why efforts should not be made to win friends in the Islamic world: "we don't support any power blocs or alliances and the subject of an Islamic alliance is not under consideration."

AP reported that Hussein has instructed his Government to grant Jordanian women the right to vote. He made the announcement during his university address. He said he had asked the Government to amend election laws to give women full election rights.

U. S. SHOULD SHOW INITIATIVE ON STAND OF ARMS SHIPMENT TO ARABS AND ISRAEL

WASHINGTON (JCNS). — Professor John Galbraith of Harvard, formerly U.S. Ambassador to India, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that a new and serious initiative should be taken with the Soviet Union in order to obtain a standstill on the shipment of arms to the Arab States and to Israel. He also suggested denying military aid to countries with a per capita income of less than $200.

Senator Morse asked Professor Galbraith what he thought of an amendment to prohibit military aid to countries likely to use it against each other, such as India and Pakistan, Israel and the Arab States, Greece and Turkey.

Professor Galbraith replied: "In the Middle East we have the problem of the Soviets and France as sources of arms, and this upsets the tenuous balance between Israel and the Arab States. It would seem therefore that any initiative would have to be based on collective action." He expressed the hope that an effort might be made with the United Arab Republic to stop this expensive and dangerous arms race.

Senator Fulbright, the chairman, agreed with this idea in principle, but thought it might be difficult to apply. He was sure the Administration had urged the United Arab Republic to limit its expediture on arms during the aid negotiations, but it had not been successful.

MITZVA: RELIGIOUS JEWS DONATE BLOOD ON SABBATH

TEL AVIV (JCNS) — The Magen David Adom blood donor service was in a quandary here on a recent Sabbath. A steady supply of five or six doses is required daily for one of its patients, a young girl of a rare blood group. It so happened that all the registered donors in Tel Aviv were unavailable, for various reasons; the only remaining names on the list were residents of Bnei Brak. The streets of that town are closed to traffic on the Sabbath and it was with considerable trepidation that the ambulance team decided that they had to make the trip, regardless of the risk, because of the urgency of the case.

They entered the town and cautiously asked the addresses of the donors of passers-by, most of whom were returning from the synagogue. Everything went quietly and observers were treated to the rare sight of **kapoted** and **streimeled** gentlemen mounting a vehicle on the Sabbath, which they readily consented to do to give their blood. To satisfy any doubters, the ambulance team showed the copy of a letter from Chief Rabbi Untermann, saying it was permissible to drive on the Sabbath when it was a matter of life or death.

BILL INTRODUCED ART RESTITUTION

VIENNA. — At the request of Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Documentation Center here, Wolfgang Schmitz, Austrian Finance Minister, has promised to have an "art restitution" bill introduced in Parliament.

Passage of such a bill would prevent several hundred valuable paintings, formerly owned by Jews, from becoming state property before surviving claimants could come forward. Some claimants are said to live in the United States.

The paintings have been in state custody for years. After Mr. Wiesenthal found out about them last fall, a catalogue was distributed in Austrian diplomatic missions abroad.

Many of the paintings, now stored in a wing of the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, were seized from Jewish owners by the Nazis in 1938 after their take-over of Austria. Some of the paintings were formerly "owned" by Herman Goering, Joachim von Ribbentrop and other prominent Nazis.

CHIEF OF STAFF

JERUSALEM (JCNS) — Air Commodore Ezer Weizmann has been appointed Chief of the Israel Defence Forces General Staff Gronch, which makes him Deputy Chief of Staff. He is replaced as O.C. Air Force by his Chief of Operations, Group Captain Mordechai Hod. The appointments become effective immediately. The outgoing General-Staff Branch Chief, Brigadier Haim Barlev, is going abroad for a year's study.

Air Commodore Weizmann, a nephew of Israel's first President, 42, was born in Tel Aviv. He served with the R.A.F. in the Far East and was discharged in Britain, where he studied aeronautics. Later he studied at the British Staff College. He has been chief of the Israeli Air Force for eight years. Group Captain Hod, 39, was born in Degania. He studied flying while assisting illegal immigration from Italy.

New El Al Head

JERUSALEM (JCNS) — Shlomo Lahat, 42, the chief executive, was appointed president of El Al last week, succeeding Mr. Ephraim Ben-Artzi, who held the office for ten years.

Ben-Artzi becomes chairman of the airlines board, replacing Moshe Carmel, the Minister of Transport, who is understood to have resigned through pressure of other duties.

Lahat, a director of Arkia, was a founder of the Israeli Air Force and chief of air operations in the 1956 Sinai campaign.

Between 1942 and 1946 he served in the British Army. He was educated at Columbia University, New York, and joined El Al in 1960.

GERMAN WILL LECTURE

MANNHEIM — Dr. August Marx, a member of the staff of the economic high school here, has been invited by the faculty of economic science to lecture at Bar-Ilan University in Israel. This is the first time an Israeli university has issued such an invitation.

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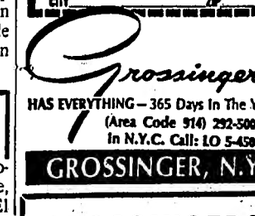

JEWISH WOMEN OF IRAN SAY IT'S TIME FOR SOME DOMESTIC CHANGE

TEHERAN (JCNS) — A mission sent here by the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, and the Minister of Religions, Rabbi Zerah Warhaftig, has been successful in promulgating a new set of religious regulations aimed at abolishing polygamy and liberalizing the laws of inheritance for Jewish women.

The mission was composed of the former Chief Rabbi of Bagdad, Rabbi Aboudi, and the Director General of the Ministry of Religions, Dr. Kahana. The agreement was reached in a series of meetings with the members of the Iranian Beth Din, the heads of the Teheran Jewish community and representatives from the smaller cities outside the capital.

The event, which was called "historic" by the Iranian affiliate of the International Council of Jewish Women, is credited largely to Mrs. Hava Cohen, the president of the Council of Women's Organizations, the I.C.J.W. affiliate in Israel. Mrs. Cohen, on a recent visit to Iran, was told of the disabilities of women under Jewish law there by two leaders of the I.C.J.W. organization, Mrs. Hekmat and Mrs. Kashfi.

They told her that the Jewish women of Iran wanted the right to oppose a husband's taking a second wife and to be treated more equitably in the matter of inheritance for themselves and their daughters.

Mrs. Cohen brought the matter to the attention of the religious authorities in Jerusalem and the mission resulted in a letter to her and to the president of the International Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. Alfred Rubens. The two Iranian women wrote:

"We never shall forget this historic epoch in the life of the Jewish women of Iran nor the kind endeavour of our dear understanding friends who have assisted us from afar."

B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN CORNER MAYOR: Toronto Mayor Philip Givens purchasing tickets for the B'nai B'rith Spring Bazaar, the colossal event which takes place Wednesday, May 18th, at the C.N.E.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY ON TOUR CONFERS WITH ISRAELI LEADERS

JERUSALEM (JCNS) — The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Ramsay last Friday made a whirlwind tour of some of the Israeli capital's Jewish and Christian holy sites, cultural treasures and beauty spots, and conferred with Chief Rabbi Nissim and civic leaders. The Archbishop crossed the Mandelbaum Gate, being met by officials of the Ministry for Religious Affairs. After paying his respects to the District Representative, Mr. S. S.B. Yeshaya, Dr. Ramsay called on Mayor Teddy Kollek with whom he discussed Jerusalem's problems and its prospects as a center for pilgrimage. Mr. Kollek presented the Archbishop with the silver Pilgrim's Medal struck in honor of the Pope's visit to Israel.

Calling at Hechal Shlomo, the Archbishop was received by Sir Isaac and Lady Wolfson. Sir Isaac, the "landlord" of the Supreme Religious Center, took the visitors to the roof of the building and pointed out features of the Jerusalem landscape which it commands.

During a twenty-minute conference with Chief Rabbi Nissim, concern was expressed by both parties at the division of the Holy City. Rabbi Nissim asked Dr. Ramsay to use his influence to see to it that Jews are allowed to visit their holiest relic, the Wailing Wall, for prayer. The Archbishop would make no promises, but expressed the hope that "with patience" all such problems would be solved. He expressed his "deep love for the people of Israel" and said he understands their problems and hopes the world's leaders will take action towards their solution.

Dr. Ramsay was greeted at the Hebrew University by leading professors of Judaism and comparative religions and Hebrew, as well as by its president. He engaged Professors Rabin, Werblowsky and Flusser in a lively theological discussion, although no record was kept of points scored.

At the Israel Museum, the Archbishop was intrigued by the "Pilate Stone", a slab unearthed at Caesarea and bearing the name of Pontius Pilate.

During the morning, Mrs. Ramsay toured Ein Kerem and the new Knesset building, due to be completed shortly. She joined the Archbishop at the Museum.

RUSSIA SHUNS RESTRAINT IN MID-EAST ARMS RACE

The United States has attempted without success to win the cooperation of the Soviet to achieve 'some measure of restraint" in the Near East Arms race, Mr. Douglas Macarthur, Assistant Secretary of State, informed Representative Halpern, replying to inquiries from Representatives Halpern and Javits. So far, Mr. Macarthur said, Soviet Russia "has shown no genuine desire to reach an understanding limiting the flow of arms into the area." Despite the lack of positive response, however, the State Department "will continue contacts with the Soviet and other Governments concerned," Mr. Macarthur wrote. "The arms problem remains our concern in the Near East and we shall explore every possibility leading towards a solution."

CONTROVERSY ARISES IN GERMAN-ISRAELI TALKS

BONN — The second round of the German-Israeli economic talks began here last Wednesday under the shadow of an apparently growing controversy over whether or not Dr. Adenauer, while Chancellor, promised Mr. David Ben-Gurion $500 million in aid during their meeting in New York in 1960.

The West German Ambassador to Israel, Dr. Rolf Pauls, asked for, but was unable to obtain, a meeting with the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, to deny Mr. Eshkol's statement last week that such aid had been promised, and saw Mr. Abba Eban, the Foreign Minister, instead.

Mr. Eban, it was reported, respected Dr. Pauls's protest, and later informed the Israeli Cabinet that he had told the German Ambassador that any accord arising from the economic talks here would have to be based on German commitments to Israel in the past.

The renewed talks here are not expected to go smoothly because of the controversy. What seems to be behind Bonn's pressure for a 'rectification' of what transpired at the meeting between Dr. Adenauer and Mr. Ben-Gurion is the fear that West Germany's efforts to normalize relations with the Arab States might be affected adversely.

Even worse, the Germans fear that the ten Arab States which broke with Bonn when it recognised Israel would demand an equal amount of aid as their price for resuming relations.

Dr. Adenauer himself has refused to discuss the matter. He said in an interview that details of his meeting with the then Prime Minister of Israel, Mr. Ben-Gurion, should not be publicized now because of the resumed economic talks between the two countries.

He said that the normalization of relations with the Jewish people and Israel had been one of his main tasks as Chancellor. He realized from the outset, he said, that material reparations for Nazi wrongs never would be enough to achieve normal relations.

Dr. Adenauer, who will arrive in Israel for a visit next Monday and will meet Mr. Ben-Gurion as well as other Israeli leaders, said he was looking forward keenly to the trip.

The Israeli delegation to the economic talks is again headed by the Ambassador to Germany, Mr. Asher Ben-Natan. Other members are Dr. Yaacov Arnon, the director-general of the Finance Ministry, and Mr. Zeev Shek, head of the West European affairs division of the Foreign Ministry.

The German delegation is led, as before, by the Secretary of State in the Foreign Ministry, Dr. Rolf Lahr.

KING FEISAL INVITED TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON (JCNS). — President Johnson has invited King Feisal to visit the United States, probably in June, but no definite date has been fixed.

The invitation may be linked with U.S. efforts to secure a settlement in regard to the Yemen. King Feisal has always strongly opposed U.S. aid to Egypt, claiming that it strengthened Nasser's Yemen operations and constituted a threat to Saudi Arabia. On the occasion of his last visit in October, 1962, the late President Kennedy gave King Feisal, then Crown Prince, assurances of U.S. support and aid, and urged him to modernize and reform the regime as the best defence against threats to stability.

At the same time the United States warned Cairo against attacks on Saudi Arabia. The question of extension of aid to Egypt is now being studied; this may have bearing on the invitation to Feisal.

No reply is forthcoming from the State Department as to whether an invitation also will be issued to President Nasser, who has never been to Washington.

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LAW AGAINST HATRED

FOR A UNITED NATION

The problem of outlawing the dissemination of genocide propaganda — the punishing of those who would undermine our society by agitating one segment of the population against the other —as has been suggested originally by the Cohen Committee is a serious issue facing the nation. Only serious, earnest discussion is in order.

Essentially the Cohen Committee proposed the curbing of antisemitic and anti-other group propaganda which actually had disquieted last year the harmony in our community by provocation and call to violence against Jews. There also were symptoms of revival of some fascist activity in Quebec, such as the reappearance of the Arcand machine which aims at exploiting the cultural problem by establishing itself as a new force in that province. At various periods the neo-Nazi activities were negligible—just lunatic outbursts—, at other times, however, they were most disconcerting, even alarming.

From what we have observed in Canada last year as well as from more recent manifestations, it becomes quite clear that the theory of laissez-faire vis-a-vis neo-Nazi is outdated by two generations. We cannot remain complaisant at the sight of men, no matter how unimportant, who openly laud Hitlerism and who—which is more serious—declare for the record that their aim is to organize the people for the purpose of fashioning our society in the Nazi image.

True, at this moment all groups in Canada agitating for a fascist or Nazi takeover are too weak to be regarded seriously enough for the fight of Nazism to terrify us. There is no immediate threat of the sort. Therefore one simultaneously must be on guard against those who believe in another kind of totalitarian society when they turn on the alarm: catch the thief. Their anti-Nazism is merely a blind to detract attention from their own agitation—devisive, anti-democratic and potentially dangerous to the nation.

Yet all this said and done, the Cohen recommendations must not be weighed against the exaggerations of a demagogic fringe that wishes to impose itself as the community leadership on the strength of its "fight of Nazism". Antisemitic propaganda—exploiting all elements of racial prejudice, of the lowest instincts of hatred and envy—has manifested itself throughout history sufficiently to be a danger per se; if left alone, it attracts all sorts of elements which finally uproot society.

In our time, it has been proven that an international neo-Nazi conspiracy exists, financed from secret Hitlerite funds hidden somewhere in Swiss or Lebanese banks, by powerful antisemitic business groups in Latin America. Also, for opportunistic reasons some Arab chauvinists have found it convenient to exploit antisemites for their purpose. Thus it is clear that well organized and financed means of defense must be found against this threat — locally and internationally.

The United Nations has adopted some resolutions in the direction of battling the racist and antisemitic danger. Yet this body has no means to enforce the control of hatemongers and disturbers of civic peace within any sovereign nation. This is up to the parliament of every individual country.

Thus the essence of the Cohen recommendations—and of those contained in the original Klein-Walker bills — are merely the basis for a legislation necessary to keep the atmosphere clean and uphold the unity of the nation through concord and harmony among all citizens.

Neo-Nazis must be told their activities will be dealt with by law. Nothing short of the threat of punishment will stop them.

JEWISH WOMEN UNITE

A TIME OF DOING

The Jewish women of the world are about to unite to bring their disabilities under Jewish Law to the urgent notice of the rabbinic authorities. These disabilities are capable of creating a great deal of human unhappiness.

Until modern times, it could be claimed with justice that the treatment of women within the Jewish community was more civilized and more benevolent than in the world outside. While other women were at the mercy of the "superior" male, Jewish women enjoyed well-defined rights and protection under both Biblical and rabbinic law.

In the modern world, however, while the position of women in society as a whole has undergone a transformation, Jewish religious law on this subject has remained static. Laws which originally were designed to safeguard women's rights have become intractable obstacles blocking their attainment of real equality. Their disabilities are of two kinds: those of personal status (marriage, divorce, rights of property and inheritance); those of religious status.

The human misery, often caused by the rigid application of ancient Jewish marriage law in particular, is viewed with helpless compassion by those who have been concerned with its administration. The Orthodox rabbinate — the whole problem is of little direct consequence to non-Orthodox Judaism which is not tied to *halacha* (traditional Jewish Law) — declare themselves powerless. But in the past the great Jewish religious leaders displayed the moral courage to circumvent, if not to abrogate, laws which had ceased to advance the moral and humanitarian purposes of the Torah and had, indeed, become obstacles to their implementation.

Some satisfaction is to be obtained from the news this week that, as a result of strong representations, the rabbinate of Iran has agreed to certain amendments of Jewish Law as practised there in regard to the position of women. In this respect they have advanced from medieval legal and social concepts and there is thus hope that, a start having been made, they and other Orthodox communities can begin considering further progress into the twentieth century.

The International Council of Jewish Women spans the full spectrum of trends in Jewish life today. It is to be hoped that their consideration of this problem will not end with next week's conference, but that steps will be taken to ensure an active concern with this problem on a continuing basis. Certainly they should not allow themselves to be side-tracked by claims that only a future Sanhedrin can deal with all these matters. This plea is generally an excuse for inaction. In the first place, the practical difficulties of convening such a synod are immense. Second, there is no guarantee that, if it were convened, it would do other than follow the most inflexible rather than the more moderate viewpoint. In similar situations in the past, inspired leaders took strong and fearless action under the motto "It is a time of doing for the Lord." Our religious leaders will ignore today's challenge at great risk to traditional Judaism.

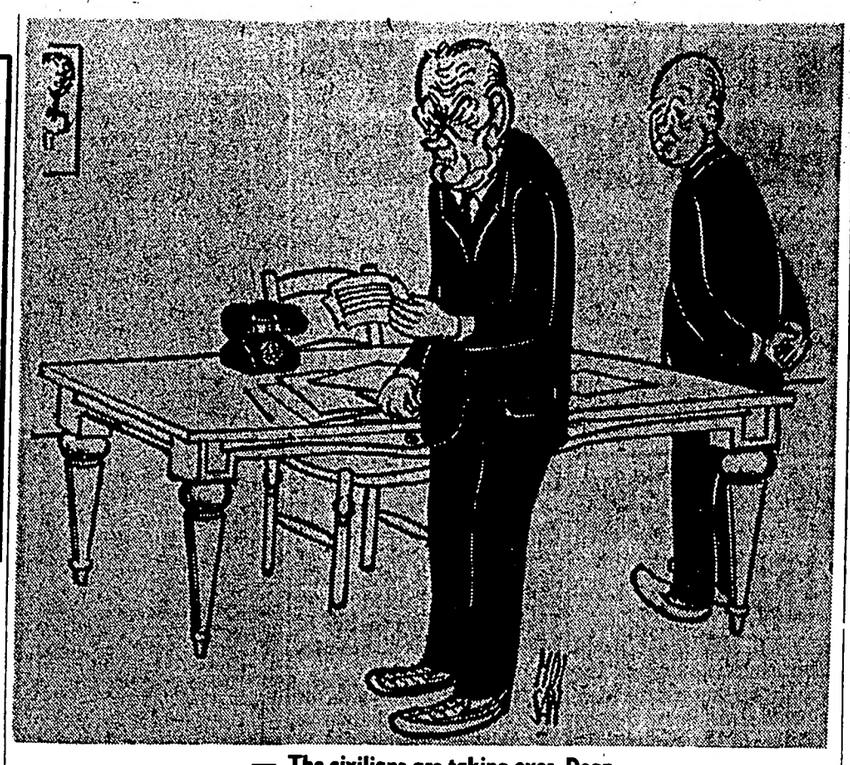
PERSUASION IRKSOME

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

It is a commonplace that the politically imposed ties between Synagogue and State in Israel are irksome to its secular citizens who account for a majority of the population. Now a powerful movement of Orthodox intellectuals confirms what many had long suspected: that the shotgun marriage is also irksome to the Orthodox. The "Movement for Torah Judaism" limits its membership to those who fully accept the halacha, and is particularly strong among Orthodox members of university teaching staff. Its main aim is to win Israelis over to the idea of a "Torah State" by persuasion. It finds the clericalism rampant in Israeli political—and economic —life an obstacle to this end.

When the Torah is identified with, or made the monopoly of, a political party, and police or economic pressures are used to enforce some of the 613 mitzvot in a purely random way, the aim of persuading the Jewish people in Israel to accept the Torah as a basis for society is made more difficult. The present clericalistic mode of politics rests partly on vested interests—often of a squalid and even corrupt nature—and partly on the fear of change which is based, in the final analysis, on defeatism, on the assumption that if Israelis are given freedom of choice they will wholly reject the Torah.

The Movement for Torah Judaism is, by contrast, optimistic; it is willing to put its faith in the Torah and in Jews to the test. The movement will be followed with sympathy by Jews everywhere.



— The civilians are taking over, Dean.
— In Washington?
— Sorry, no: in Saigon.

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THE MILKMAN

BY L. REIZER

Among the many letters I receive from abroad, the most desirable is from Jacob, the milkman of Kfar Saba. He writes in red ink on an ordinary piece of paper in old-fashioned Yiddish. I look at the handwriting and can see the tired fingers of the hard-working man. But my joy lies between the lines and short sentences where I feel the expression of a warm human heart.

We found each other during the days of catastrophe when everyone cared only for his own "sack of bones". We met on a cool autumn day in the early 'forties. The place, a large forest in West White Russia near the Rive Nieman. I was exhausted, wandering many nights in a world of the unknown with my small family—wife, seven-year-old girl and a "good friend", my old Russian rifle, which I held at the ready with finger on the trigger.

One day after a march of a hundred kilometres we reached a quiet Russian village, Zbliany. The rising sun shone over the gilded cupola of the village church. The peasants were still asleep, but a chorus of village dogs met us as we approached. Although they kept their distance and did not tear our clothes, they felt instinctively that what I carried in my hand was no ordinary stick.

We were tired and covered in mud from the long journey. After crossing the Nieman we rested on the thick moss in a wood and I searched around for help. There were a few small Jewish groups in hiding in a denser part of the wood. But nobody wanted to adopt us — the reason was my small child; my wife had vowed not to leave her behind. And now my daughter was happily running around between the trees watching the different birds, collecting berries and weed which we called Rabbit Schav, which made a wonderful dish with boiled potatoes.

The days passed. One evening we heard soft steps from barefoot people and suddenly two Jews dressed as peasants appeared.

"Shalom Aleichem."

"Aleichem Shalom."

"From where is a Jew?"

"Me, from the forest of Natche. There was a big round-up . . . A great massacre . . . many killed, a few left . . ."

"We heard about it . . ."

"And you from where are?"

"We live here not very far . . ."

"Listen, dear strangers," I said, "can we join your group, as I am a stranger in this jungle, and I do not know where these forest paths lead to — to foe or friend? . . . Would you be good enough . . .?

Heads are down . . . It is a big responsibility, such a dangerous time with a child. Probably one left in a thousand. Slowly the heads rise, each looks in the other's eyes. "Ask him," one said. "Ask Jacob . . ."

He nods his head. I have tears in my eyes . . . I have seen so much blood lately and now I wipe my eyes.

"Davai poshli," one of them said in Russian, which means "let us go." I am so excited and happy I want to kiss my new-found brothers exactly as Joseph had done to his brothers in Egypt . . . No, it is a lie, the world is not bad. There is still justice left, right here in the wilderness.

We walked behind them in thick bush . . . Right, left, right again. My God, how can people guess to such a place of cover! At last we are there. About twelve people around a camp-fire. We were met with excitement and whispering "Oi with a child, with a child!" I could feel the apprehension come into the tent, but we remained and became one friendly family.

It was now winter and we moved to a safer part of the forest. We dug winter huts some feet deep in the ground and roofed them with branches and earth. We had some food stored for the winter, potatoes, flour. It was dangerous to venture out and leave tracks in the snow.

We would have a guest sometimes, a prowling wolf. He would look in our direction with puzzlement, wondering what people were doing in his domain. He didn't know that humans and beasts change place in war.

One night Jacob entered my shelter and asked me to take a sack and go with him for potatoes to the nearest village. We marched in the silence of the night. The snow fell silently, covering our footprints. Around us we heard the howling of the wolves, which sounded like the hooting of a train. We stopped for a while for a smoke. Jacob rolled a cigarette in a piece of newspaper and whispered:

"You know, I noticed you have not many potatoes left, so I am going for your sake . . ."

I had no words to answer. I lit his cigarette and in the flame of the light I noticed his broad smile as if the splendour of God was resting on his face .

Some years later when I was travelling in Israel we met again in the narrow streets of Kfar Saba: he was driving a horse and a two-wheeled cart. Both driver and horse looked very tired. I followed him home. At first he stared at me with disbelief, then hugged me like a bear. He prepared an elaborate meal, and again the story of our "Exodus" was told with pleasure and joy. The setting sun glowed with light, and I again noticed this shining face but in a new setting—as a milkman in Kfar Saba.

SAY GOD CONDEMNS JUDAISM

New York — Bishop Luigi Carli's view that Judaism as a religion remains condemned by God because of its rejection of Jesus reflects the opinion of many antisemites in the United States. A study of "Christian Beliefs and Antisemitism," prepared by California University's survey research center with a grant from the Anti-Defamation League, has found that at least one-quarter of those in the U.S.A. with antisemitic attitudes "have a religious basis for their prejudice, while nearly another fifth have this religious basis in considerable part." Particularism, a disposition to see Christian truth as the only religious truth, leads people to connect the modern Jew with "the sins of his ancestors" and as being still unforgiven for crucifying Jesus, the study declares.

The university's sociologists refute the "comfortable and complacent view" that antisemitism is no longer a real problem in the United States. Antisemitism, they say, is "exceedingly common in all religious bodies," being strongest in the Middle West and South. On the basis of more than 4,500 interviews in different parts of the country, the sociologists stated that 33 per cent of Protestants and 29 per cent of Catholics registered "high and medium high" in a test of their antisemitic beliefs.

The findings have surprised Dore Schary, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, who said that "we were entirely unprepared to find the religious roots of antisemitism so potent and so widespread in modern society." The study revealed that while a majority of American Christians acknowledged the mutual roots of Judaism and Christianity, 43 per cent of the Protestants and 50 per sent of the Catholics questioned identified the Jews as the "group most responsible for the crucifixion."

Among the more liberal Protestant groups, such as the Congregationalists and the Episcopalians, the view of Jew as being eternally condemned was rather uncommon. But among conservatives such as Missouri Lutherans and Southern Baptists, "such attitudes are almost unanimous." By and large, Catholics, although highly involved in orthodox Christian ideology and the holders of a particularist conception of Christian supremacy, did not translate these factors into a negative evaluation of Jews. The growing concern of American Catholicism with religious liberty seemed to act as an inhibiting force.

The study declares that in accepting the false idea that anti-Jewish prejudice no longer is widespread, churchmen have given little attention to the problem of antisemitism in church educational programs. "Even if the churches dispose of the deicide charge and reduce the tendency to particularism among their followers, the task still will be far from finished. A massive frontal attack on antisemitism per se is clearly required."

The study, the initial volume in a series on, Patterns of American Prejudice, will be discussed by some 150 American Christian leaders at a special Anti-Defamation League interreligious conference to be held next month.

ATHEIST DEFENDS TORAH

A Ukrainian Jew describing himself as an atheist who "does not observe any religious rites or traditions" has written a letter to the Ukrainian atheist journal "Liudina i Svit" ("Man and the Universe") in defence of the humanistic values of the teachings of the Torah.

The journal, known until recently as "The Fighting Atheist," had published earlier an article declaring that all dogmas of Judaism were reactionary.

The letter, from P. A. Ulitzky, of Korsun-Shevchenko, declared:

"The Jewish nation gave to the world the Torah with its highly moral teachings — the Torah which has been regarded as sacred for millions of people on our planet. The Jewish people gave the world Christianity, a teaching with highly moral doctrines professed by hundreds of millions of people of the entire civilised world.'

The writer declared that the "second of the Ten Commandments given on Mount Sinai prohibiting the worship of idols is progressive, although it originated some 3,000 years ago.

"It is surely a remarkable fact that 3,000 years ago, in that prehistory when our civilisation was barely beginning, a small nation of shepherds, themselves scarcely freed from slavery, were able to create so lofty a moral code. This code coincides with the supremely humanitarian moral code of present - day communism which represents the best of our civilisation. Why, then, do you write that all dogmas of Judaism are reactionary?"

Mr. Ulitzky also referred in his letters to the Ani Ma' aminim — Maimonides" thirteen professions of faith — and to other teachings of the Jewish religion.

The atheist journal published a reply by Moisei Solomovich Altshuler, who specialises in attacking Judaism, and announced that it would carry articles dealing with the Maimonides' professions of faith, and also what is included in the curriculum of yeshivot.

KEEP SMILING

NOTHING NEW

The front page headline of a publication screamed: Israel Celebrates Passover.

If not Israel, who then?

APPROVAL

Though Anton Rubinstein is remembered more for his pyrotechnical piano-playing than for his composition, he wrote many operas and symphonic works. Josef Hofman loved to tell of the time Rubinstein once promised the members of the orchestra all a good supper if the premiere of his new opera were a success.

At the performance, the composer was disgusted by the spiritless singing and the cold reception of his work. Convinced of his failure, he went home and so to bed.

Around one o'clock he was wakened by a loud rapping on his door and opening it discovered the hallway crowded with the men of the orchestra. He was indignant at being awakened.

"Why, master," said the spokesman, "you invited us to supper if the opera proved a success; we liked it very much."

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

ON COUNTING TIME

It is not unusual for a man to count the things he cherishes most. A shepherd counts his sheep, a businessman makes an inventory of his stock and a collector counts his valuables.

Yet the most valuable thing we possess is rarely counted: that is, Time. Few of us pause to note its fleeting character.

There is a picture by the artist Crane entitled "The Chariot of the Hours." In it he depicts Time as a chariot pulled along by horses and driven by four youths who remorselessly lash the animals on to ever greater speed. The sun is sinking in the horizon; night is approaching and will soon envelop the chariot and its riders. The entire picture is one of inevitability and urgency.

These thoughts are occasioned by this period of the Jewish year and by its Biblical reference in tomorrow's Torah reading. There is a curious fact about the next Festival, Shavuot. It is the only one of our Biblical festivals for which no date is specified in the Bible. Every other festival is explicitly linked to a date in the Calendar.

Instead, the Bible lays down the instruction that a period of forty-nine days shall be counted from the spring offering of the barley harvest, and that the summer harvest offering of the first ripe fruit be brought on the fiftieth day. This day is the Festival of Shavuot, or Weeks.

Now the sacrifices have gone, the agricultural significance of this ordinance has passed away; but we still carry on with the counting. Day after day from the Passover till Shavuot the passing of the days is religiously marked by the ritual of the Counting of the Omer.

There are a number of valid lessons in this ritual, but not least of them is the teaching we emphasised at the outset: the fleeting character of Time and the precious opportunity each day presents to us. It has been said that basically there are two concepts of Time. One represented by a circle, the other by a line.

The first description holds Time to be in the nature of an infinite repetition of sequences. Like a circle, it goes around endlessly and without variation. What has been will be, and there is nothing new under the sun. This theory of Time is found in the Greek philosophies, and holds no room for true human development or social progress.

The second view best describes Time in the figure of a line on which there is no repetition, for the line moves on and every point is different with different circumstances, problems, joys, opportunities, and growth. This can be said to the religious picture of Time by which we ought to find ourselves developing values each day.

It is probable that the career of every notable man and woman in history is marked by this characteristic, if not in fact, explained by it. They all had a keen sense of the value of Time. And it is for such a gift of heart and mind that the Psalmist prays: "So teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom."

There is a moving tale told of Henrietta Szold that, when she visited Poland before the war, she walked through the crowded ghetto and met a very old man whose back was bent by the weight of years and whose face was lined by years of sorrow. "What is it you want more than anything else?" she asked him. "More than anything else I want **Leben,** to live" he replied.

Miss Szold hardly expected this answer from the old man. So he went on to explain. "Every extra day I have, is a new chance for me. I can say another **beracha,** I can recite another **kedusha,** and I can do a neighbour a good turn." This is living every day. This is the value of the discipline of counting our days.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEPLORES BIAS ON KASHRUT

Dear Editor:

I read with some surprise the letter of Mr. Henry Rosenberg, Q.C. (CJN, April 22nd).

Starting from a report that the Canadian Jewish Congress was making representations to permit religious students to keep their heads covered in the classroom, he developed an attack on that body as having become increasingly an organization of Orthodox Jews and consequently having ceased to represent the majority who are "not too interested in the details of technical observance." From there he continued to criticize Congress for "spending entirely too much money on kashrut" and for being "forced" to spend "large sums of public (sic) money on Jewish Day Schools for no other reason than to perpetuate orthodoxy".

I am a comparatively recent arrival in Canada. In England where I was raised, the words, Queen's Counsel, are sure indications of an orderly presentation of facts and reasoned, logical argumentation in support. I must confess to some puzzlement by the lack of these in the letter signed by a gentleman whose name is followed by the letters, Q.C. (I only can assume that the meaning of these initials has changed in Canada). He feels incensed that Congress devotes much of its time to such trivia as "matters wherein Jews differ from other Canadians, such as kashrut, religious day schools", etc.; instead of "considering Jewish values and Jewish contributions to medicine, the law, sciences, universitics ...."

I hold no brief for the Canadian Jewish Congress But I have been associated with universities in three countries for many years. I must admit that I cannot see why Mr. Rosenberg feels that Congress will be more representative of Canadian Jewry if it spends more of its time considering the Jewish contributions to medicine or the universites instead of what he calls "small minority" interests such as kashrut and day schools. I should submit that the key element in the name of the Canadian Jewish Congress is the word, Jewish. Mr. Rosenberg apparently attaches very little importance to the meaning that this word has held far more than 2,000 years and wishes to substitute his own interpretation. He may do so, but he must at least realize that it is not the authentic sense. The continuation and welfare of the Canadian Jewish community certainly should be the focus of Congress' concern. Happily the "Canadian" part already is well cared for by a variety of national and local bodies and institutions, both public and private. Therefore it is precisely the distinctively "Jewish" part of its name that it should be Congress' task to look after.

It is not because some of us are doctors or (pace Mr. Rosenberg) lawyers, or even university professors, that Judaism and Jewry will continue to exist in Canada, but because of the devotion of many Jews of all classes and professions (including those mentioned by Mr. Rosenberg) to such causes as kashrut and day schools which he so deplores. He pleads that Congress "should spend more time considering Jewish values" and proceeds to exclude specifically some items which almost universally have been regarded as such from the beginning of Jewish history.

One is reminded of the story of the rabbi visiting a small community, on trial for appointment. The lay leaders (including possibly the local Mr. Rosenberg) ask him what will be the subject of his sermon. He suggests: The Importance of the Sabbath. Bnt they reject this title since many of them do no keep the Sabbath. On the grounds that they are "not too interested in the details of technical observance" (if I may borrow Mr. Rosenberg's phrase), they reject all the other topics that the rabbi suggests: kashrut, the Torah's rules for business ethics, maintenance of the traditional purity of family life, and so on. In despair, he asks them what he may preach about. They reply: "Give a sermon on the importance of Yiddishkeit."

In fairness to Mr. Rosenberg, I must say that there is one sentence in his letter with which I agree: there is indeed "a great deal more to Jewish life than kashrut and schools," but I submit that without these basics the prospects for its continuation, not to say flourishing, are very dim. Jewish contributions to medicine, the universities and the law certainly are great and very gratifying, but they are of secondary importance. We must worry about essentials first.

Toronto **Eleazer Birnbaum**
Associate Professor
Dept. of Islamic Studies
University of Toronto.

WHERE IS HIS TOLERANCE?

Dear Editor:

I've been an admirer of The Canadian Jewish News since its inception and often have felt that the editorials are worthy of praise. Though I've never taken the time to write, I feel that Mr. Henry S. Rosenberg's letter is one that cannot be ignored by any fairminded Canadian Jews acquainted with the vast number of diversified accomplishments of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

With all due respect to Mr. Rosenberg's competence as an intellectual and his being a Queen's Counsel, where is his understanding and tolerance? If he is "not too interested in the details of technical observance," that is his privilege and choice, but also his loss. What are these Jewish values he speaks of if not those upon which all our laws are based? The statement by the Saadia Goaon ten centuries ago still holds true: The Jews are a nation only by virtue of the Torah.

He must feel some protest when he reads that Jews are not allowed to build synagogues or schools in Russia. Surely he would agree that they should be allowed their freedom of religion? Why should he find fault with its being practised here?

Congress notices of kosher products are for those who need them. True, the Orthodox don't; they go to the trouble of checking and finding the kosher products themselves if necessary. It is the others who need someone to check for them otherwise they might be eating unwillingly non kosher food. Even others admit that it is good to have a kashrut department so that observance is made convenient for them.

Would Mr. Rosenberg be pleased were his son or daughter to marry a Gentile? Surely he can see that the stronger our Day Schools, the stronger our religious ties; the stronger our emphasis on all things according to Jewish law, the less chance there is of children marrying "outside" because, though much may fall by the wayside, a certain amount of their education will remain with them; at least they will be more sensitive about knocking real Jewish values and laws. Without Jewish education in Day Schools, within two generations there would be no Jews at all. Is that what Mr. Rosenberg wants?

Congress is not ruled by the religious. If this were so, would the Day School be struggling under the crippling deficits with which they are burdened today?

The Orthodox division of Congress represents one segment of the community, one small section of their activities.

So far as improper business ethics, dishonesty and bankruptcy are concerned, unfortunately these are committed by all races and religions and always are a disgrace to the individuals involved. But they are not especially Jewish and there are adequate civil laws to deal with them.

Our contribution to law and the sciences, medicine and the University is most admirable but again these are individual accomplishments done by persons, not by the Jewish people.

Yes, there's a great deal more to Jewish life than kashrut and religious schools but, without those two as a basis, how Jewish is the life?

Let us please try to incorporate our wonderful Canadian democracy in increasing measure within our Jewish life. Let's be thankful we are free to give Congress funds and let's be more tolerant of each other.

Toronto
(Mrs.) Anne Botnick

REFORM RABBI PROPOSED USE OF HEAD COVERING

Dear Editor:

Henry S. Rosenberg (Letters to the Editor, The Canadian Jewish News, April 22nd) is somewhat out of touch with current reality, to judge from his letter.

For one thing, it is known that the most active protagonist of the right of pupils to wear a head covering was not the Orthodoxy but a Toronto Reform rabbi who preached a sermon on it and published an article in his bulletin.

Second, Congress imposes kashrut upon no one and spends nothing on it for the kashrut department carries itself financially, as I understand it.

London, Ontario
Ben Solomon

DYNAMIC SPEAKER. - Dayan Moshe Swift, Chief Dayan of the Beth Din of Great Britain and the Commonwealth and descendant of a long line of rabbis, who will be the guest of Toronto's Jewish community during the weekend of May 6 - 10.

Rabbi Swift will preach at Clanton Park Synagogue on Sabbath morning, May 7th. He will be guest of honor at a reception on Monday, May 9th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nussbaum.

ASSOCIATED DINNER

The 41st annual dinner of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto will take place on Wednesday, June 8th, according to Samuel Shainhouse, chairman of the dinner committee.

A review of the school's program, progress and problems will be made. An outstanding guest speaker will be featured.

Joseph Levine is president of Associated.

COMPETED IN HAPOEL GAMES

TEL AVIV (JCNS) — More than 700 athletes from 25 overseas countries, plus hundreds of local participants, competed in the eighth Hapoel Games, which opened last Sunday.

The British contingent of 52 was among the biggest at the Games, which opened in festive style at the Ramat Gan Stadium near here in the presence of President Zalman Shazar and an anticipated 50,000 spectators.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol will attend the closing ceremony on May 7th in Haifa, where the Hapoel Sports Assocition was founded just forty years ago. The first Games took place in 1928 and the event is now held every five years.

East European countries are taking part in the Hapoel Games for the first time, with contingents from Russia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia. Five African States, including Kenya and Nigeria, also are participating; most of the competitors from abroad are non-Jewish.

4 ISRAELIS WOUNDED

TEL-AVIV.—Four Israeli civilians were injured in the latest outbreak of shooting in the troubled demilitarized zone on the Syrian border. Army headquarters here said that Syrian forces at Ain Tina had machine-gunned workers as they were irrigating a row of young trees beside a dirt road used by Israeli border patrols.

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INVITED

Rabbi N.L. Rabinovitch, spiritual leader of Clanton Park Synagogue, will visit synagogues in South Africa coming June, where he will deliver a series of lectures.

NOMINATIONS MEET

The Synagogue and Brotherhood of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda held nominations of officers at a general meeting last Sunday morning.

NEW MEMBERS

New members of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Isenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gruda.

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Coming Saturday morning, May 7th, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda will present its annual Mother's Day service.

SPRING FROLIC

● Last Saturday evening, Beth Tzedec Synagogue held a Spring Frolic.

● On Sunday evening, May 1st, the Young Adult Congregation held a program whose theme was prejudice. Bernard Berger, social worker and teacher, addressed the group.

MEETING

The Adult Jewish Education committee of Beth Am sponsored a meeting last Wednesday evening. Theme: A Jew Looks at Jesus.

CAMPAIGN BLITZ

On Sunday, April 24th, Beth Sholom Brotherhood and Youth Group participated in a campaign blitz on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society, after an inspiring address by W. E. Frankish, chairman of the Toronto unit. Mr. Frankish implored the audience not to adopt the smoking habit

Prior to the canvassing, Herb Caplan, communal co-chairman, spoke on, Sales Pitch.

Afterwards James Betesh, comcunal chairman, reported that the campaign was a success.

COST OF LIVING HIGH

JERUSALEM (JCNS) — The cost of living index rose by 1.9 points in March to stand at 114.6 points. The increase is due to the rise in bus fares, postage, telephone calls, clothing, footwear, poultry, fruit, vegetables and alcoholic beverages. Mapai Ministers are endeavoring to persuade their Ahdut Avoda partners to accept changes in the allowance system so as to avoid having to raise the allowance in July, as appears inevitable under the present system and with the present rising prices.

BIBLE CONTEST PARTICIPANTS

Thirty-seven students from eleven Jewish schools participated in the annual Ontario Regional Bible Contest. The contest, which is co-sponsored by the Leonard Mayzel and Upper Canada Lodges of B'nai B'rith and administered by the Toronto Bureau of Jewish Education, contains three divisions: advanced Hebrew for students enroled in Hebrew Day Schools; intermediate Hebrew for those enroled in afternoon Hebrew schools; comprehensive English for students who study the Bible in English.

Host for the competition was Beth Sholom (Mildred Arnoff Memorial School). The following schools participated: Beth El Hebrew School; Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Talmud Torah; Central Evening High School (Associated); Eitz Chaim Day School; Eitz Chaim Talmud Torah; Holy Blossom Religious School; Mildred Arnoff Memorial School (Beth Sholom); North Bathurst Talmud Torah; Toronto Hebrew Day School; United Synagogue Day School; Sons of Jacob Congregation, North Bay, Ontario.

Following students won in the regional contest: advanced Hebrew—Tovit Rabinovitch of Eitz Chaim, first place, Avrom Steinman of Toronto Hebrew High School, second place, Daphna Munk and David Sosnowitch of Eitz Chaim, tied for third place; intermediate Hebrew—Aviva Hoftmitz of North Bathurst Talmud Torah, first place, Miriam Rosen of North Bathurst Talmud Torah, second place, Ted Sokolsky of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Talmud Torah, third place; comprehensive English — Sara Edelstein of Sons of Jacob Congregation, North Bay, first place, Bill Metz of Sons of Jacob Congregation, North Bay, and Joseph Marin of Holy Blossom Religious School, tied for second place.

Those who will represent the Ontario Region in the National Finals in New York City on May 8th are Tovit Rabinovitch, Aviva Hoffmitz, Sara Edelstein, Bill Metz.

Winners were presented with awards at a ceremony held in the library of the Bureau of Jewish Education last Sunday. Participating were: Gabriel Lourie, Israeli Consul; Stephen Berger, a past president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund; Jack D. Pearlstein, Q.C., president of the Bureau of Jewish Education; Stanley Beder and Max Aiken, presidents of the two sponsoring BB Lodges; Dr. Joseph Diamond; Dr. Joseph Klinghofer; Dr. S. B. Ullman; Alexander Brown

TEACHING OF CHURCHES CRUX TO PREJUDICE

NEW YORK — Prejudice against Jews in the U.S. is fostered mainly by teachings of Christian churches, according to the findings of a national survey published in a book here.

The survey, conducted by a team of University of California sociologists, is described in the book "Christian Beliefs and Anti-Semitism" by Charles Glock, director of the university's research centre, and Rodney Stark, a research biologist.

The sociologists reported that their five-year study showed at least a quarter of those with anti-Semitic attitudes had a religious basis for their prejudices. They found that 43 per cent of the Protestants and 50 per cent of the Roman Catholics interviewed identified the Jews as the group "most responsible for the crucifixion of Christ."

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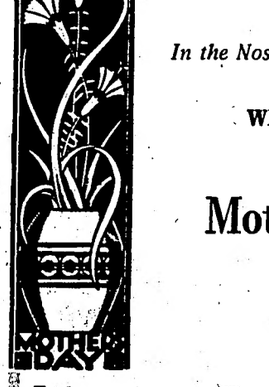

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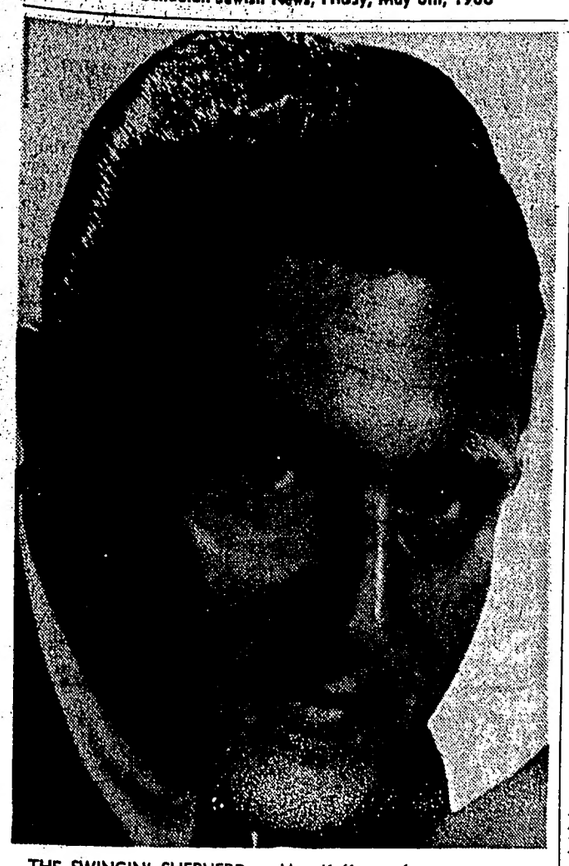

THE SWINGIN' SHEPHERD. - Moe Koffman, famous composer and jazz flutist, who is in charge of all musical arrangements at Toronto's George's Spaghetti House. Coming week he will appear there with his group.

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ETHEL MERMAN AS ANNIE AGAIN

Twenty years ago, Irving Berlin wrote the music and lyrics for Annie Get Your Gun, in which Ethel Merman, then a star, played the leading role. Commencing this Monday, May 9th, through Saturday, May 23rd, Ethel stars once more in the musical at O'Keefe Center. Besides Toronto, she will play Annie in New York and Detroit. Bruno Yarness will play Frank Butler.

Numbers revived are Doin' What Comes Natur'lly. They Say It's Wonderful, The Girl that I Marry, There's No Business Like Show Business.

TWO-CHARACTER PLAY AT ROYAL ALEX

Playwright Bill Manhoff is not against the employment of actors. It's just that his The Owl and the Pussycat has two characters, played by Eartha Kitt and Russell Nype at the Royal Alexandra, May 9th through 14th.

"Early versions", says Manhoff, "had several more characters, but the more I rewrote, the more logical it seemed to use just two."

Manhoff is one of the newer successful playwrights who made the transition from radio and TV to the living theater. He is a veteran in the field of comedy writing.

The Owl and the Pussycat occupied Manhoff for over two years before it was produced on Broadway last November. It is a smash in England and will be filmed starring Elizabeth Taylor.

SO GOODBYE

All good things must come to an end. So does the Cole Porter Show which, after several months, leaves Old Angelo's next week. Producer Louis Negin takes the show to Montreal and other points.

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood is sponsoring a benefit performance of Dr. Zhivago Sunday evening, May 22nd, at the University Theater. Proceeds will be allocated towards the Ezra and Kadima Schools, the only Hebrew religious schools for children learning disabilities in the community. Mrs. L. Lefko and Mrs. J. Kasdan are convenors. Tickets are going fast.

SINGS FOR FREEDOM

On Saturday, May 14th, 8:30 p.m., at Massey Hall, Mrs. Martin Luther King will present a freedom concert. Since attention in focused on her famous husband, few people are aware that she is a concert singer of highest caliber. Upon this occasion, Toronto will have the opportunity to enjoy listening to her meanwhile helping along the cause for civil rights.

EXHIBITION

North York Public Library presents the 19th annual exhibition of painting by the Willowdale Group of Artists at the Gladys Allison Building, Willowdale, until May 14th. Members range from amateur to professional and have included artists such as John Joy, Tom Chatfield, Murray Stuard, George Frogy, Pat Fairhead, Kay Johnson and George Gibson.

CASTLE GEORGE GROOVY

With South American-Jewish Eduardo Sasson all set at Castle George, Moe Koffman and his Quartet will entertain downstairs, at George's Spaghetti House, coming week.

Toronto-born (December 28, 1928), Moe started studying the violin at the age of nine; at thirteen he took up the sax which was later followed by the clarinet, theory and harmony at the Royal Conservatory of Music. He went to New York in 1950 to study legitimate clarinet and flute. There he played with the popular bands of Ralph Flanagen, Buddy Morrow, Jimmy Dorsey, Tex Beneke, Charlie Barnett. After six years, he returned to Toronto and formed his own group. His first recording was his own composition, Swingin' Shepherd Blues, which gave him his niche with the immortals in jazz as well as worldwide recognition as a composer and jazz flutist.

POPULAR REVUE

Mike Riley's Music Goes Round and Round Revue is hitting and all-time high at Jack Fisher's Hook and Ladder Club. Among the star performers are David Stevenson from Scotland, Slim Duncan, veteran of motion pictures, Mickey Sullivan who sings in 15 languages and plays 3 instruments, Graciela Flores, beautiful Mexican singer, harpist Sam Negrette, dancer Margo Savoy, opera singer Nick Alexander.

Theatre In Toronto

by BARBARA I. PEARL

PAUL ANKA: STEREOTYPED

Paul Anka is a confident young man, as was manifested last week at the O'Keefe Center. That in itself is no vice. However, the young performer who meteored to stardom so quickly shows traces of arrogance around the edges.

Without a doubt Paul is one of the most gifted entertainers on the scene today. His first worldwide hit, Diana, immediately made him a star at fifteen; he composed songs — good ones — at a staggering rate. At eighteen he was ready to leave his native Ottawa and conquer the world. He did.

But — something along the way stymied him. Unfortunately, on reaching the top he has lost some of his originality.

His ad lib has a vague familiarity: "I'm performing for those of you who know me through your children."

His quick patter lacks the respect of one so young. His rendition of songs like, Put Your Head on My Shoulder, The Whole World in His Hands, Diana, Eso Beso, Everybody Has a Right to Be Wrong, plus a host of others might have had more impact had they not been prefaced by remarks about the countries where he had sung them — and how the people loved it.

Then again, who can blame the little boy for trying to impress the world that he's a man and has been around?

Rightly Paul Anka's talent has taken him far. It would be advisable, however, for him to slow down a bit, not simulate those whose mark already has been made.

The Swinging Six, four lads and two girls, which opened the program were a delight, as were the shenanigans of Frank "Crazy Guggenheim" Fontaine.

GEULA GILL AND THE FOUR AYALONS BACK

By JUDITH THEAMAN

For the week of May 23rd, Toronto's Royal Alexandra will be a replica of Little Israel. For who is there who won't go all out to greet Geula Gill and The Four Ayalons when they "do" a one-week show?

Geula is no stranger to Toronto. In fact, Israelis here know her well; her presence will revive many a friendship.

The Four Ayalons? It doesn't take them long to make an audience roll in the aisles. Known as Ed Sullivan's favorites, the comedy-song-and dance team are able to laugh at themselves and satirize others.

Remember when Geula and the boys were in Toronto three years ago to help celebrate Israel's fifteenth anniversary as a Jewish state? People still talk about the ravenhaired beauty's rendition of songs like Arava, Balalaika, Shav Yebanu Bet Hamikdash, Fin Jan.

The Ayalons were cute when they quipped, "Here you have Ben Casey. In Israel we have Ben Gurion".

PINOCCHIO, FAVORITE FAIRYTALE. - On his way to school, Pinocchio, the puppet who becomes a real boy, the evil puppet master, Frabonnini, who tries to convince him that the life of an actor is far more promising than going to school. This is one of the important scenes in Bobby Clark's new musical fantasy for the entire family. Pinocchio stars 102 life-size marionettes and features an original musical score. It will be seen at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theater for one week only, Tuesday, May 17th, through Sunday, May 22nd.

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CONFERENCE

The tenth annual spring conference, Ontario branch, National Women's League, will be held Monday, May 16th, through Tuesday, May 17th. Host on Monday is Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. One of the sessions will feature: The Jewish Woman — In Her Home The afternoon will follow with: The Jewish Woman in Her Sisterhood; The Jewish Woman in Her Synagogue. Keynote speaker at the evening banquet will be Mrs Albert Fried; Cantor Zvee Aroni and his Youth Choir will present songs.

The sessions will continue on Tuesday at Adath Israel Synagogue where the theme will be, The Jewish Woman in the Community. The panel will consist of Mesdames Gabriel Lourie, Edwin Pivnick, Abe Levine.

Installation of officers will take place. Speaker consultant is Mrs. Albert Fried, president, National Women's League.

INSTITUTE PLANNED

National Council of Jewish Women is planning an Institute on Social Action for Council leadership, May 15th through 17th, in Ottawa. Guest participants include R. A. J. Phillips, director of Special Planning Secretariat, Stanley Knowles, M.P., Prof. C. Verner, Professor of Sociology, University of British Columbia. Mrs. Victor Drache of Vancouver, national vice president, is program convenor.

ELECTION MEET

Adath Israel Sisterhood will hold its general meeting and elections on Tuesday evening, May 10th.

PRODUCTION

Paddy Chayefsky's Holiday Song, presented by Adath Israel Sisterhood, will be presented Wednesday and Thursday, June 15th, 16th.

DINNER

Shaarei Shomayin Sisterhood held a dinner meeting recently Mrs. Manny Spring, president, opened the meeting and welcomed the guests.

A panel discussion was held, entitled: On the Spot. Panelists were Mesdames I. Fink, S. Mandel and V. Sefton; Lou Herman, Q.C., moderator

The annual tea was held on Wednesday, May 4th, at the home of Mrs Nathan Lieberman.

CLOSING LUNCHEON MEET

Mrs. Harry Eisen Jr. will preside at the closing luncheon meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Baycrest Hospital, Wednesday, May 11th, 12:15, at Beth Tzedec.

A sherry party will be held preceding the luncheon, honoring the presidents and chairmen of Region 6 of the Hospital Auxiliairies, and the presidents of organizations that contribute to the treasury fund of the Home.

A skit will be presented, written by Mesdames Wm. Fineberg and Martin Ross.

Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg will be guest speaker and will install the following officers: Mrs. Irving Wintrob, president; Mrs. Isadore Smith, 1st vice president; Mrs. Jack Newman, 2nd vice president; Mesdames Montague Raisman, Philip Stone, Morris Zweig, vice presidents at large; Mrs. Israel Rothbart, treasurer; Mrs. Joseph Cutler, dues corresponding treasurer; Mrs. Maurice Lipson, recording secretary; Mrs. Bert Godfrey, social scretary; Mr. Franke Silverman, corresponding secretary.

INSTALLATION DINNER

The annual installation dinner of York Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, No. 704, was held recently. It was convened by Mrs. Samuel Zeldin.

Mrs. Herbert Stone, past president and present chairman of B.B. Women's Committee, installed the following officers: Mrs. Bernard Dinetz, president; Mesdames A. Glassman, A. Solomon, S. Zeldin, vice presidents; Mrs. S. Shapiro, financial secretary; Mrs. S. Sobel, recording secretary; Mrs. R. Kotzer, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. Cornfield, treasurer; Mrs. M. Miller, counselor; Mrs. M. Zuchter, guardian; Mrs. A. Rosen, sentinel; Mesdames S. Sacks, S. Train, A. Willer, trustees.

Mrs. David Kofsky, president of district 22, B'nai B'rith Women, presented a district award to Mrs. Maxwell Cornfield for her effort in bringing new members into York Chapter.

OPEN HOUSE

An open house and tea was held last Sunday to introduce a home for disturbed youngsters, sponsored by the Jewish Family and Child Service. It is owned, operated, staffed and supervised by the family agency; expenses are met by community funds and private gifts. A bequest from a Halifax woman enabled the Jewish Family and Child Service Agency to purchase the home. The agency is responsible for the selection and training of the houseparents; it keeps in close touch with staff members and stands ready to provide psychotherapy should the need arise.

Most children are between 12 and 16.

BRIDAL TEA

A bridal tea, sponsored by Women's Branch, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Reichman on Tuesday, May 17th. Brides of the Year will be guests. Theme of the evening will be: The Key to Married Happiness.

President of the Women's Branch is Mrs. H. Botnick; Mrs. D. Drebin is convenor of the evening.

IN ORIGINAL ROLE. - The indefatigable Ethel Merman, who will star in Annie Get Your Gun, for two weeks at Toronto's O'Keefe Center, beginning Monday, May 9th. This is the role Miss Merman originated when Irving Berlin wrote the music and lyrics, based on Herbert and Dorothy Fields' book, twenty years ago.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

COCOA SHORTBREADS

1 cup butter
1 cup granulated sugar
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup cocoa
1 egg yolk
2 cups all purpose flour

Stir-blend softened butter, sugar, salt, cocoa and egg yolk. Gradually stir in flour to form a stiff dough. Roll half of dough on a lightly floured board until ¼" thick. Prick with a fork. Cut with a 2" cookie cutter. Arrange on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes. Cool Glaze if desired. Yield: 3 dozen.

GLAZE: Beat 1 cup icing sugar, ½ teaspoon vanilla and 2 tablespoons warm milk or cream until smooth. Drizzle about half a teaspoon over each cookie. Decorate with a walnut piece.

SOUR TASTE

When U Thant, the United Nations secretary-general, wrote to member-nations three months ago asking them to help India meet her shortage of food, the Israelis agreed to do what they could. As they had no grain to spare, they offered large quantities of citrus fruit, orange juice and the services of technical experts. This was refused by the Indians because they feared that acceptance might offend the Arab States. Israeli agricultural experts have been working in about 70 Asian, African and Latin American countries.

WOLFSON TOWN

HAIFA (JCNS) — Kiriat Wolfson, a housing estate including a synagogue and shopping and cultural center for new immigrants from Eastern Europe, North Africa and South America has been opened in Acre.

The estate was named in honor of the Wolfson family in recognition of Sir Isaac Wolfson's support for Israel's development and of Lady Wolfson's work as head of the British Youth Aliyah program.

FEEL LOW SOMETIMES?

By RUTHIE

Did you ever feel like being sorry for yourself sometimes? It's only effective, though, when you have an audience.

What's the point emoting when you're by yourself? No one sees you, no one is there to sympathize and you only succeed in raising your pressure. And before you know it, you find you're talking to yourself. You feel kind of silly and snap out of it.

Ah, but when there's an audience!

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When you've found you couldn't take it much longer, how many times have you turned to the kids and shouted,

"Honest, if you don't leave me alone I'm gonna get myself a gun, go out and shoot myself."

You will? You want to scare the brats, that's all. Eventually they don't believe you. In fact, sometimes they look as if they'd go out and help you at it. Nice children.

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How many times have you told your husband,

"You'll see. I'll embarrass you. If I can't have a new bedroom set, I'll break this one. And when I go out I'll be the shloompiest thing on two feet. I'll wear my oldest rag. You'll see."

You hope, but all you get is a withering look and,

"So who stops you?"

You don't expect such an answer and you feel so frustrated.

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Then you do things in reverse.

"Okay. Be nasty. But remember, when my birthday comes around, don't get me anything. I don't want anything from you. Better I should take poison, God forbid, than something from you.

"By the way, my birthday's next week. Don't forget or you'll regret it."

* * *

Or else you scream at the children,

"You don't make your beds, you don't hang up your clothes, I find bobby pins all over the place. All right, when Mother's Day comes around, I want absolutely nothing from you. You hear—nothing. Be kind to me 365 days a year, not only one day. Remember, you can have only one mother . . ."

You think it bothers them? After listening to this theme so often, it sounds like so much static.

But who cares? Basically they're as good as gold. It's just a way of letting off steam.

And Sunday is Mother's Day. They're shushing away like nobody's business. They always give me something nice. They never gave me the chance to moan,

"Sure, you forgot. I'm not a mother like anybody else. Wait, wait . . ."

Perish the thought. The lambs have been saving for ages. Only I hope they reminded Daddy.

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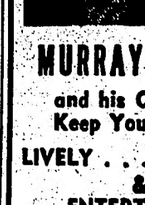

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CONTINUE TO HUNT MURDERERS

BONN. — The West German states will intensify the search for Nazi murderers in the three and two-thirds years remaining for such prosecutions under the statute of limitations, it was announced.

The states' Ministers of Justice agreed at a meeting here that additional efforts were necessary to permit the submission of charges "in all possible cases" before Dec. 31, 1969, whens the statute runs out. The 11 states, not the federal Government, have jurisdiction over such cases.

Early last year the West German Bundestag, or lower house of Parliament, voted for a four-year-and-eight-month extension of the 20-year statute of limitations on murders perpetrated under Hitler. No prosecution of lesser crimes is possible.

Taking account of widespread sentiment for the closing of the book on Nazi crimes, the Bundestag chose the shortest possible extension of the statute a few weeks before it would have run out on May 8, 1965, the 20th anniversary of Germany's surrender in World War II.

According to an official spokesman, the Justice Ministers decided to increase from 32 to 50 the number of prosecutors investigating Nazi crimes at the headquarters in Ludwigsburg, near Stuttgart, of the Central Agency for the Uncovering of Nazi Crimes.

NEW PRESIDENT. - Fred M. Catzman, Q.C. (right), who is shown handing the gavel to Nathan O. Hurwich when the latter was installed as president of Toronto Lodge B'nai B'rith No. 836, at a dinner held recently at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

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TO BUILD ON CEMETERY

KIEV — Kiev's vast prewar Jewish cemetery, desecrated by the Nazis and never reopened, now is being cleared for new building work. The cemetery, to the north-west of the city, stands on the edge of the Babi Yaphill area, scene of the wartime massacre of some 100,000 persons, mainly Jews, by the occupying Germans.

After the war, Kiev Jews were provided with a new cemetery. The city's practising Jews, believed to be a small minority of the Jewish population of some 20,000 are still without a rabbi, two years after the last one died.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH — Joseph Weinman, director of the Rogoff Laboratory for Medical Electronics in the Hebrew University's Medical School, constructs electronics equipment required for research purposes in various departments of the Medical School.

NEWS IN BRIEF

RECONSIDER CHANGE
GLASGOW, (JCNS) — The Glasgow Beth Din has issued a statement concerning the possibility of a changeover from the Ashkenazi to the Sephardi pronunciation of Hebrew in the synagogues and Hebrew classes in the city. It says that such a change would be against the halacha.

The statement is signed by: Rabbi Dr. W. Gottlieb, Ab Beth Din; Rabbi M.D. Dryan, member of the Beth Din; Rabbi Dr S. Herman (Gilffnock and Newlands Congregation) and Rabbi D.J. Weinberg (Edinburgh Congregation), associate members of the Beth Din.

When Dr. Brodie gave his ruling in 1962 on the use of the Sephardi pronunciation in synagogues he said that there were halachic as well as pedagogic reasons for his ruling which could not be ignored.

WORLD ORTHODOXY TALKS
NEW YORK (JCNS) — The first world conference of Orthodox synagogues is planned for next spring in Jerusalem, Moses Feuerstein, president, told guests at the dinner of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations in New York last week.

Rabbi I.J. Unterman, the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel, referring to the State's eighteenth anniversary, said that one of her main contributions to progress would be her approach based on shared ideals and moral concepts to the problems of international cooperation.

He also called for a "stronger spiritual alliance" between the communities in Israel and the Diaspora.

AID ISRAEL'S BLIND
DUESSELDORF (JCNS) — At Duesseldorf, a German Agency for Aid to Blind People in Israel was founded on the occasion of Independence Day. The organization is headed by Dr. Ernst Blum, a blind German-Jewish government official. Both German and Jewish representatives were elected to the executive board, including Herr Heinz Keil, chairman of the Organization of Blind People in North Rhine-Westphalia, and Dr. H.G. Vandam, secretary-general of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

In close cooperation with the German National Organization of Blind People and the Israel Embassy in the Federal Republic, the German **Hilfswerk** plans to give material assistance to Israel's 6,500 blind people.

AIDS INDUSTRY
HAIFA (JCNS) — The Technion Scientific Foundation, aiming at introducing for practical use in industry inventions made at the Israel Institute of Technology, has announced four projects likely to have immediate application. a new type of transformer in which a foreign electrical company is interested; a method of using ultrasonic sound waves for greater concentration of fruit juices and extracts to make their marketing easier by reducing viscosity, for which a contract is being drawn up with a foreign food firm; a new method of utilizing certain chemicals to prevent blood clotting, which shortly will be tested in Israel's hospitals and may turn out to be an important boon to medicine; an audio visual Hebrew teaching course which will be sold abroad.

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS
HAIFA (JCNS) — A warning that Israel may suffer a serious shortage of medical men because of a "doctors' drain" has been sounded by Kupat Holim, the Histadrut Sick Fund. "Israel cannot afford to export the young doctors who graduate from its medical school without grave risk to its health services, in particular to those in rural areas,' the Kupat Holim treasurer stated. "If there are 500 candidates for the 100 vacancies at the medical school each year, we should take those who will undertake to stay in the country on graduation, at least for a minimum period." He added that the public which supported the school, were entitled to reap the benefits of that support.

The Kupat Holim intends to begin this year the building of a long overdue hospital for the chronically ill in the Haifa area.

NON-JEWISH SUPPORT
NEW YORK (JCNS) — In New Jersey at least, Jewish defence agencies will no longer have to fight alone against the extremist Right-wing John Birch Society. Prominent leaders from all walks of life in the State have promised support for a movement to counter Birch activities. This follows the revelation that membership in the John Birch Society has quadrupled to nearly 5,000 in the last year, making New Jersey now second only to California in membership of the society.

Jewish leaders will welcome the support they now are to receive from non-Jewish sources. Fears had been expressed that the fact that the Jews were alone in fighting the battle against Right-wing extremism of the "Birch" type might have stirred up the latent antisemitism to be found in many members of the society.

Estimates put the total number of Birchites now in the United States at nearly 100,000, almost 15,000 of them in California.

PRIZES
JERUSALEM (JCNS) — Israel Prizes were awarded on Independence Day to Professor Shlomo Morag for his book "The Hebrew of Yemenite Jews," Rabbi Yitzhak Arieli for his series of Torah commentaries, "Einayim le Mishpat," Professor Hans Yaacov Polotsky for his work in philology, Professor Meshe Bloch for his work in the sciences and, jointly, to Professor Alfred Mansfield and Mrs. Devora Gad for their designs for the Israel Museum buildings.

The Prizes, Israel's most distinguished honour in scholarship and the arts, were presented by the Minister of Education in the presence of the President.

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE
A service of thanksgiving at Congregation Beth Shalom was held in observance of Israel's 18th anniversary of her independence. Participating were His Excellency, Gershon Avner, Mervin Mirsky, president of Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir, Rabbis Simon Eckstein, Benjamin Friedberg and Abraham Rubin, Cantor Hyman Gertler.

After services, Mr. Avner opened the Israel Trade Fair, convened by Mrs. Arch M. Goldman. Display booths were manned by Hadassah, Mizrachi, Pioneer Women, ORT, the Jewish National Fund, Sisterhoods of Ottawa. Music was by David Itescu.

FASHION SHOW
Sinai Chapter, Hadassah, presented a fashion show recently at Agudath Israel Synagogue. Mrs. M. Gennis was convenor. Other committee heads were: Mesdames I. Fishbein; L. Finkelstein; D. Polowin; I. Kardish; L. Nathanson; L. Goldstein; I. Rose; B. Bronsther; H. Applebaum.

Models were Mesdames H. Baker, H. Gertler, R. Goldman, A. Friedman, S. A. Kronick, E. Landis, E. Saslove, H. Zagerman, J. Zelecovitz; Misses Marianne Koves, Nina Horwitz, Catherine Wolfe.

DINNER-DANCE
The Ottawa and Convention Lodges of Bnai B'rith held their annual installation dinner-dance at the Community Center recently under the chairmanship of Dan Zwicker. Incoming president, Ed Landis, announced the committee chairmen for 1966-67: Arnold Gosewich and Hy Calof, program; S. Schinder, Israel; Joseph Viner, membership; L. Loeb, vocational services; Bert Blevis, adult education; Alan Gilvert, publicity; Irving Singer, citizenship and community affairs; Zeev Vered, fundraising; Ray Caplan, Hillel; Percy Levine, youth; Jack Monson, sports; Phil Kline, social; Arnold Goldstein, bulletin.

BINGO
Recently a bingo for the elderly and infirm of St. Vincent's Hospital was held, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Marty Glatt and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ketson, the latter a former member of B'nai B'rith.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
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